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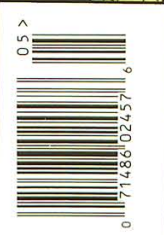
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MARY JANE!

PETER...?!

BEN...?

MARY JANE...
YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN
TO ME! I... I AM PETER...
BUT NOT THE PETER YOU
MARRIED!

THAT MAN...
IS A FRAUD! HE
STOLE MY LIFE...STOLE
EVERYTHING-- WHILE I
WAS LOCKED AWAY FOR
FIVE LONG YEARS!

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I'M
SAYING?

I'M THE
REAL PETER
PARKER!

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WHO? WHO'S AFTER--

PETER... BEN... WHOEVER YOU ARE! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!

NOT NOW!

HE'S AFTER ME, DO YOU UNDERSTAND? HE'S AFTER ME!

THE NAME, IMPOSTOR--

--IS KAINE.

STEP AWAY FROM HIM, MARY JANE. THAT'S NOT YOUR HUSBAND. PETER'S STILL IN PRISON.

AND HE'S NOT BEN REILLY, EITHER. REILLY'S WITH SEWARD TRAINER.

YOU'RE LYING! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO--

THIS... MAN CRAWLED OUT OF A POD... IN THE WRECKAGE OF THE JACKAL'S LABORATORY. HE'S ANOTHER ONE OF WARREN'S CLONES.

IF THERE'S A THREAT HERE--

--HE'S IT.



DON'T TRUST HIM! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!

I SWEAR TO YOU... I SWEAR TO GOD--

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!

IF... IF YOU ARE PETER... THEN PROVE IT!

HELP ME! PROTECT ME!

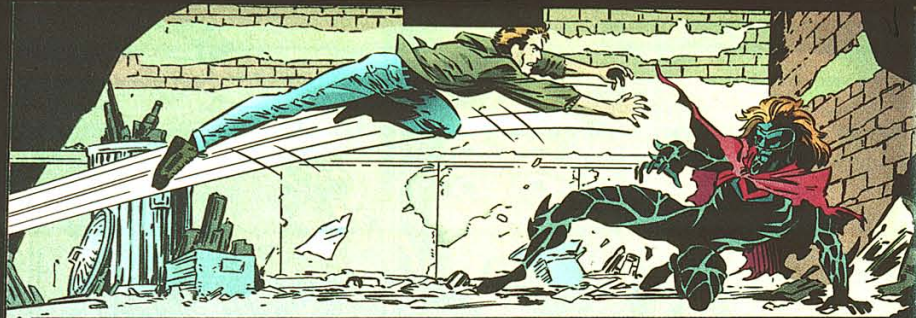
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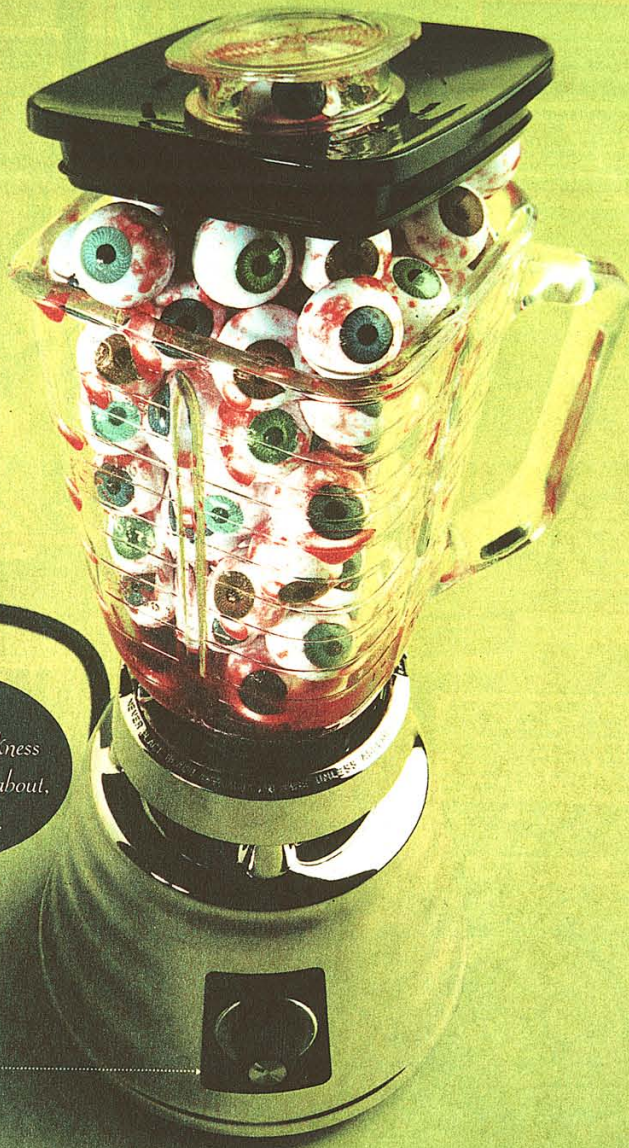
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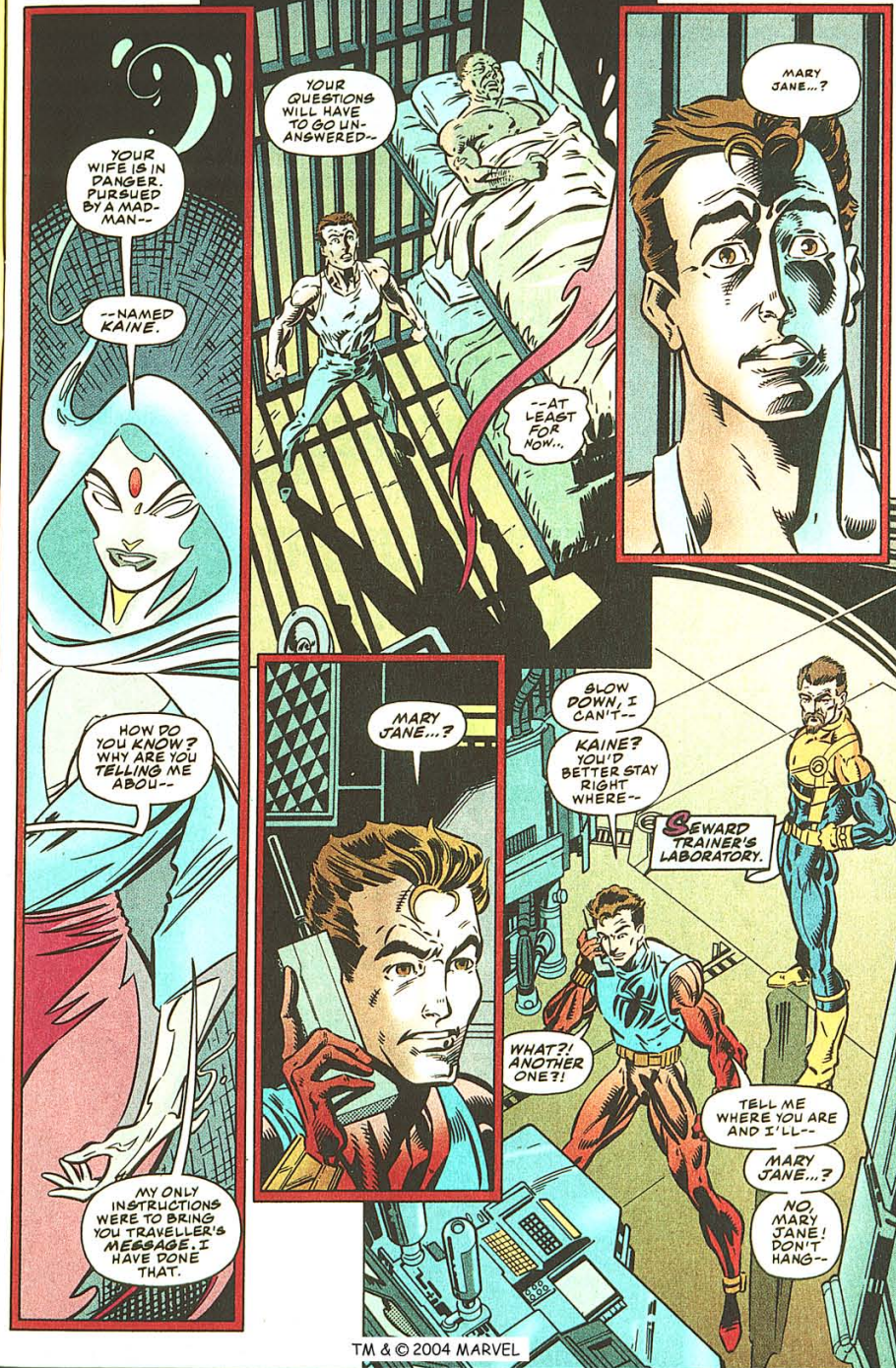
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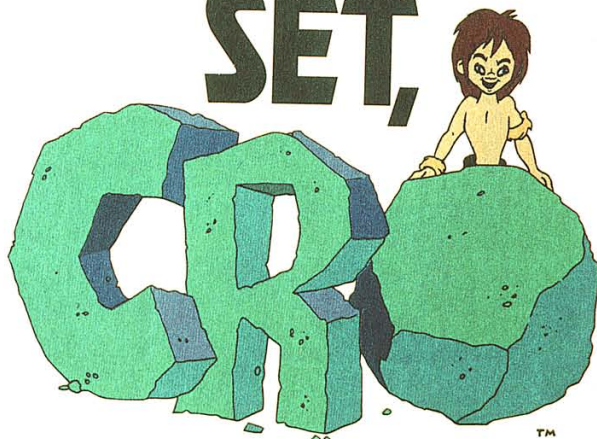




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... BUT IF CHAKRA WAS
TELLING THE TRUTH--
WHAT CHOICE DOES
HE HAVE?

D-BLOCK

HE CAN'T JUST SIT IN
JAIL DOING
NOTHING-- WHEN HIS
WIFE'S LIFE IS ON
THE LINE.

NOT JUST MY
WIFE, HE
REMINDS
HIMSELF.
MY CHILD!

AND IF CHAKRA LIED? IF THIS IS-- AND THE POSSIBILITY
IS VERY STRONG-- ANOTHER OF JUDAS TRAVELLER'S
MANIPULATIONS AND MIND GAMES?

THEN HE WILL HAVE BROUGHT
PETER PARKER'S LIFE
CRASHING DOWN IN FLAMES.



HE KNOWS THAT AN ESCAPE
LIKE THIS CAN ONLY BE
SEEN AS AN ADMISSION
OF GUILT.

"PARKER DID
IT," THE WORLD
WILL SAY, "AND
HE CAN LIKE
A COWARD."

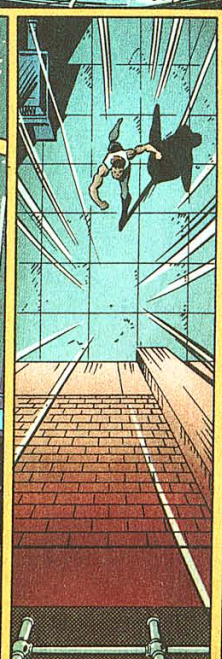
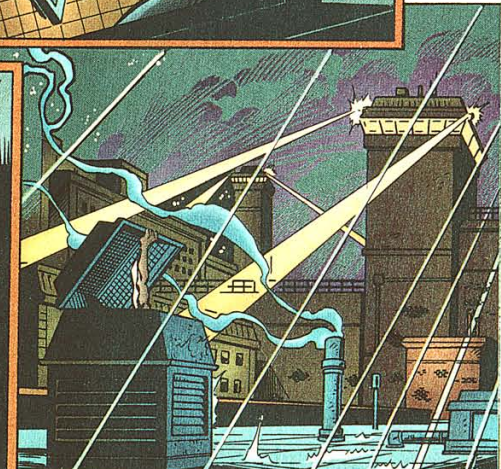
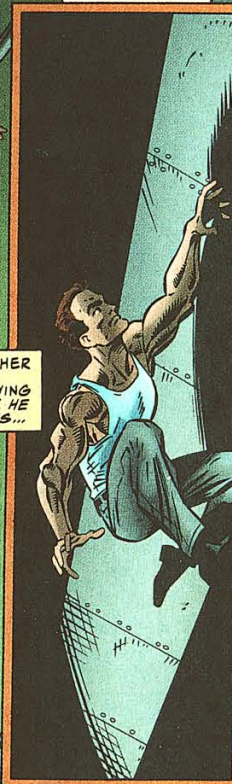


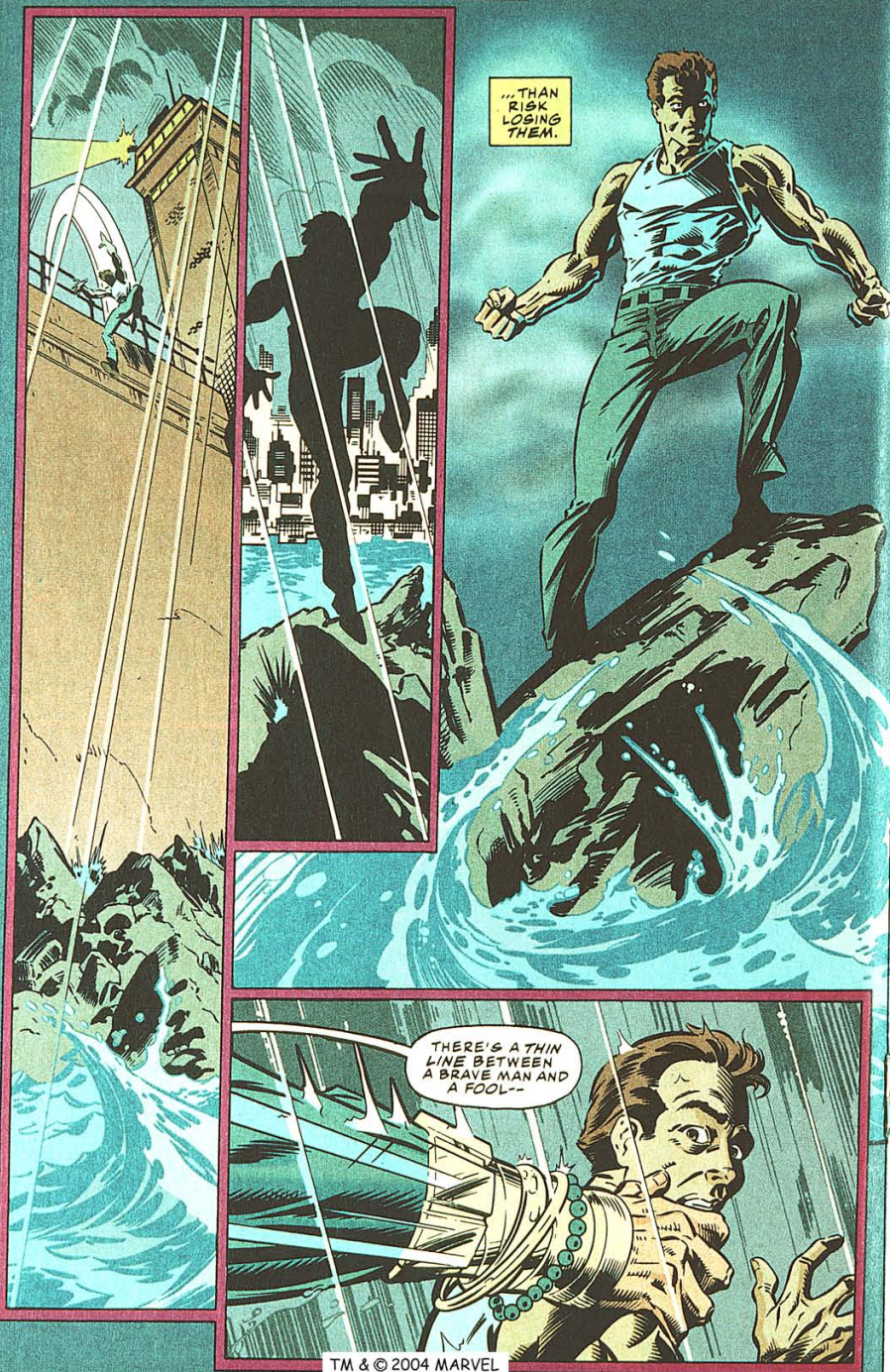
FIVE TIMES HE ALMOST TURNS
BACK, READY TO SKITTER UP
WALLS, THROUGH SHADOWS,
READY TO SLIP SURREPTITIOUSLY
BACK INTO HIS CELL.



FIVE TIMES
HE PUSHES
ONWARD.

I'D RATHER
RISK
DESTROYING
MYSELF, HE
DECIDES...





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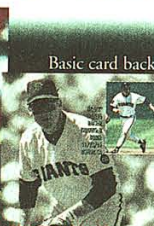
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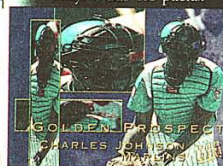


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WHAT DO YOU CARE?!

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I LEARNED ABOUT YOU LAST TIME... IT'S THAT PEOPLE DON'T MATTER TO YOU! WE'RE JUST CHESS PIECES FOR YOU TO MOVE AROUND!

LAB RATS FOR YOU TO EXPERIMENT ON!

PERHAPS I DON'T CARE. OR PERHAPS I CARE... MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE. WHATEVER THE CASE, I HAVE COME TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY HERALD'S WARNING... WAS TRUE.

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"I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHO ARE YOU HELPING ME? IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY--"

"CONTINUE TO QUESTION ME... AND MY HELP--"

--WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

CHAKRA?

SAY THE WORD, PETER PARKER-- AND I CARRY YOU AWAY FROM THIS PLACE--

--ON THE CURRENTS OF THE ASTRAL SEA.

KRA-KOON!

--DONE.

DO IT!

PARKER...?

IT'S--

THIS ONE FASCINATES YOU, JUDAS.

THEY BOTH DO.

REFLECTIONS OF YOURSELF, PERHAPS? OF THE WAR WITHIN YOUR OWN SOUL?

I KNOW YOU, JUDAS-- AS FEW OTHERS DO, AND--

YOU ARE MY CONFIDANT, SCRIBER... AND YOU ARE MY FRIEND. BUT FOR ALL THE CENTURIES WE HAVE WALKED TOGETHER--

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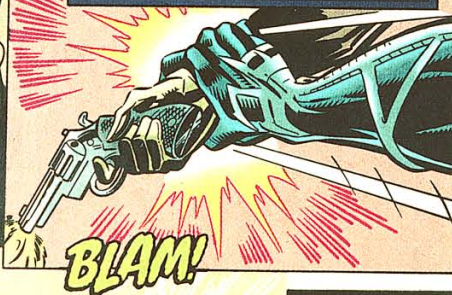


DO YOU SEE?

DANGER-- EVERYWHERE YOU TURN.

TIME TO COME WITH ME, MARY JANE.

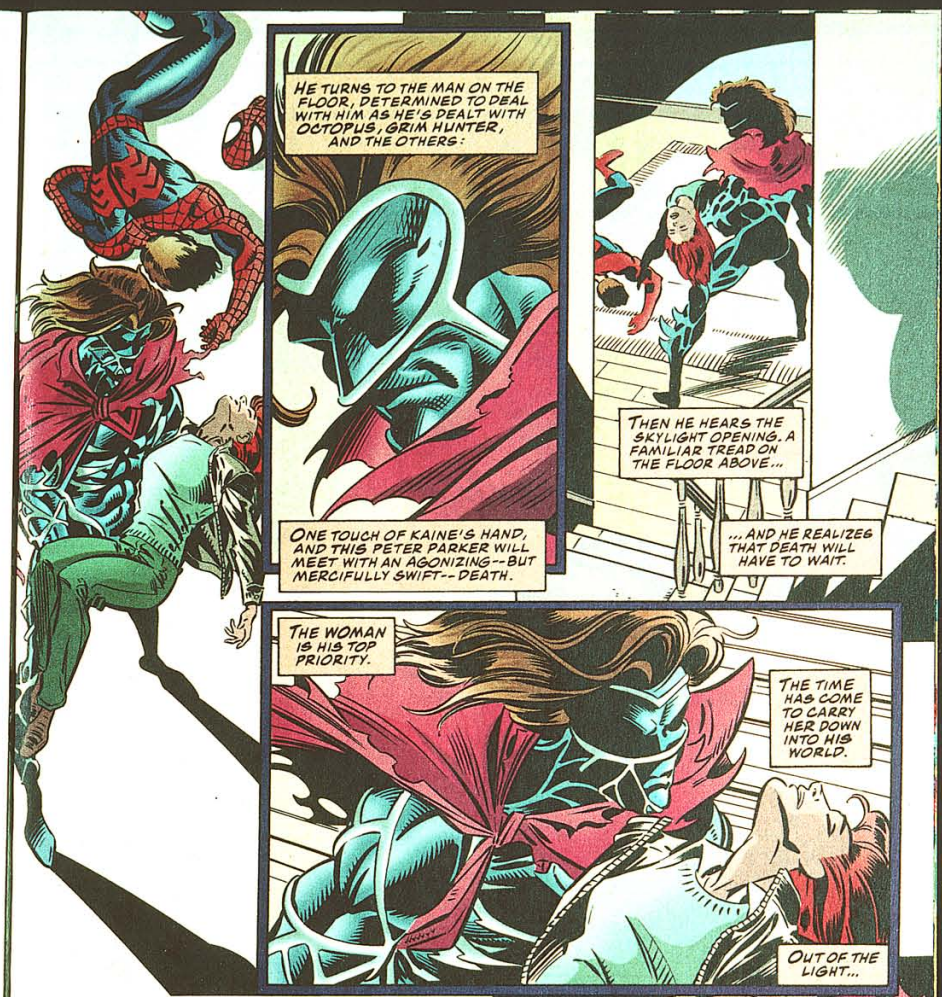
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BLAM!



YES.



HE TURNS TO THE MAN ON THE FLOOR, DETERMINED TO DEAL WITH HIM AS HE'S DEALT WITH OCTOPUS, GRIM HUNTER, AND THE OTHERS:

ONE TOUCH OF KAINE'S HAND, AND THIS PETER PARKER WILL MEET WITH AN AGONIZING--BUT MERCIFULLY SWIFT--DEATH.

THE WOMAN IS HIS TOP PRIORITY.

THE TIME HAS COME TO CARRY HER DOWN INTO HIS WORLD.

OUT OF THE LIGHT...

...AND INTO THE DARKNESS.

W-WHERE AM I...?

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD CALL IT A... PURGATORY OF SORTS. WHERE LOST SOULS HIDE FROM BOTH HELL AND HEAVEN.

OR YOU COULD SIMPLY CALL IT... HOME.

I SUGGEST YOU GET COMFORTABLE WITH YOUR SURROUNDINGS, MARY JANE. BECAUSE THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE YOU'RE GOING TO BE HERE--

"...FOR A VERY LONG TIME."

PETER...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

AND WHERE'S MARY JANE?

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!

OH, NO.

WHY DO I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THINGS HAVE JUST GOTTEN--

--EXTREMELY COMPLICATED?!

AND THE COMPLICATIONS MULTIPLY AS "THE MARK OF KATINE" CONTINUES IN ONE WEEK... IN THE PAGES OF SPIDER-MAN #58!!

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Dear Wall Crawlers,

Give the guy a break!!! 30 years of Spider-Man and all these important events are happening to him in 8 issues! The death of his "parents," Aunt May's stroke, Mary Jane leaving and the return of the Peter Parker clone. What's going to happen to him next?

Anyway, ASM #395 was great! Mark Bagley's artwork is incredible as usual. I was glad to see the return of Puma. Who is Nocturne? Is she a new character or did she fight Spidey before? I have some more questions:

- 1) What ever happened to Electro?
- 2) Is there going to be a Spidey/X-Men team-up anytime soon?

Mark Choa
8021 Herb Farm Dr.
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O.K., o.k. We'll give Spidey a break... no way! The action is about to get even hotter, Mark. Lets get to those questions;

1) Electro-fresh from the stunning storyline in "Funeral for an Octopus"--returns in SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #9, the amazing final chapter to "The Mark of Kaine!"

2) There aren't any immediate plans for a Spidey/X-Men teaming, but we'll see what we can do. And as for Nocturne, she been around for a couple of years now. She made her first appearance in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #13.

Dear Web-Heads,

I'm writing about ASM #394 & 395. In issue #394, "Birth of a Spider-Man," I liked the way Jackal used the Gwen Stacy clone to capture the Spidey clone. I must compliment Mark Bagley on his work in issue #395. I've never seen the Puma look so good! All I have left is some questions:

- 1) Will the Gwen clone have any other appearances?
- 2) Will Cardiac have a

limited series?

Robert Bittner
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Thanks for the compliments, Robert! Here are some (hopefully) pretty spectacular answers to those amazing questions;

1) Gwen clone? You bet! The giant-sized WEB #125 features the stunning return of the Gwen Stacy clone! And when you see what she's been doing all this time, you'll be blown away!

2) A Cardiac limited series...now that sparks some ideas. It's not in the cards for the near future, but if enough of you demand it, we could be convinced!

Dear Danny,

One of the most interesting things about the "Power and Responsibility" crossover is that it shows how easy it would be for Peter to distort his noble motto into something selfish. After all, the villains he faces seem to operate on a twisted version of it: With great power comes opportunity to...rule the world...extract vengeance...achieve fame and fortune. And yet Peter remains true to his essential good nature and doesn't abandon his principles, even in the face of overwhelming despair.

Judas Traveller and his entourage are wonderfully maniacal. I hope future issues will tell us more about Traveller and how he got his power and why he betrayed his oath as healer to pursue a path of sinister experimentation.

As for issue #395, it was great to see Nocturne again, and fascinating that she hooked up with Puma! Despite Puma's rage, I still hold out hope that he can be reformed into a good guy. If anyone can do it, Nocturne can! I'm looking forward to seeing Puma humbled for losing control and lashing out against his savior.

Thanks for writing in with your kind words and brilliant deductions, Geri! We hope the conclusion to the Nocturne/Puma arc of "Back from the Edge" met your high expectations! We can't wait to hear your reactions to the upcoming developments with the ever-enigmatic Judas Traveller!

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